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**PATENT**  
Attorney's Docket No. T-6282

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:	) Customer Number: 34014
STEPHEN J. MILLER et al.	) Group Art Unit: 1725
Application No.: 10/643,555	) Examiner: Christina Ann Johnson
Filed: August 18, 2003	)
For: MIXED MATRIX MEMBRANE WITH	)
SUPER WATER WASHED SILICA	)
CONTAINING MOLECULAR SIEVES	)
AND METHODS FOR MAKING AND	)
USING THE SAME	)

**REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This reply is in response to the Office Action mailed on June 28, 2005 for the above referenced patent application and is being submitted with a petition for a one-month extension of time. Therefore, this paper is being submitted on or before its current due date of August 28, 2005. Also being submitted herewith, is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. This Supplemental IDS is being submitted before an action on the merits; therefore, no fee is believed to be required.

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**RESTRICTION / ELECTION**

In the Office Action, mailed June 28, 2005 the Examiner required Restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1-19, drawn to a membrane, classified in class 502, subclass 4.
- II. Claims 20-23, drawn to a method of separating a gas, classified in class 95, subclass 100.

Applicants elect without traverse - Group I, directed to Claims 1-19 for prosecution on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,  
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